

3 GRAND MASTERS CONFER DEGREES FOR LOCAL LODGE

Unique Special Meeting in
Masonic Temple Last
Night

BANQUET FOR WALKER

Supper and Orator Added
to the Interest of the
Pleasant Occasion

At the ripe old age of eighty-one, Ephraim D. Walker, West Virginia's most venerable past grandmaster of the Grand Lodge, Masonic fraternity, put on degree work at last night's meeting of Fairmont Lodge, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., in Masonic Temple, in just as fine form as ever. It was the second time Past Grand Master Walker had seen this work in thirty years, as he occupied his station as tiller all of these years.

The unique part about the special meeting was that the work was put on by three past grandmasters—Ephraim D. Walker, Emmett M. Showalter and T. Wilbur Hennen, something which only one city in the state could do in addition to Fairmont, that being Charleston. Fairmont has been especially honored in having the principal past grandmasters' jewels when the work was conferred last evening, which really was in honor of Past Master Walker, who reached his eighty-first mile stone yesterday.

During the time the three candidates received their degrees the past grandmasters occupied the principal three stations at various times and there were a number of past officers in the subordinate body who also participated. Despite his years Mr. Walker conferred the degree with proficiency and in a very impressive manner.

During the evening addresses were delivered by Hon. O. S. McKinnis and Hon. Emmett M. Showalter. On behalf of the lodge Past Grandmaster Showalter presented Mr. Walker with a bouquet of roses and carnations, which were very handsome.

In a very eloquent address Mr. Showalter made the presentation in which he pointed out that Mr. Walker, despite the "eighty-one springs" of his life appears to still possess "of his full vigor and good health." In a response which bristled with humor Mr. Walker told the 125 members and sojourning brethren that "he had not accumulated much money or done much, but he always had a good time and he still expected to have some fun." His many friends do not agree with the past grandmaster altogether for they know that he has accomplished much during his long life time for the craft and in other ways. In his remarks Mr. Walker expressed his great love for the Masonic fraternity, which has been self evident by the great interest, which he still retains, despite his advanced years.

Mr. Walker was grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia during the term of 1875 to 1876 and was grand high priest of the Holy Royal Arch Grand Chapter of West Virginia in the term, 1876-1877. Captain Walker came to Fairmont in 1857.

The gathering was a great success and the master of the lodge, Fred S. Harr, had everything arranged in a very fitting and pleasing manner. Following the degree work an excellent luncheon was served in the dining hall of the Masonic Temple. It proved to be very enjoyable.

Sojourning brethren in attendance were as follows: Charles Wilheim, Monongahela, Pa.; Charles B. Mitchell, Caldwell, N. J.; R. H. Brasel, Pennington, Ky.; T. A. Richardson, Parkersburg, W. Va.; T. H. Shinnston, T. H. Acker, Washington, D. C.; C. M. Watkins, Elmira, N. Y.; H. H. Rose, Littleton, J. A. Davis, Shinnston; R. Knox, Davis; E. A. Grose, Sammersville; Kenneth R. Long, Terra Alta; Dayton Carpenter, Moundsville; W. A. Farrell, Dayton, Ky.; E. C. Harding, Fort Thomas, Ky.; Paul M. Lange, Chicago, Ill.; Ralph H. Regan, Chicago, Ill.; G. T. Federer, Morgantown; D. E. Long, Terra Alta.

On the walls of the lodge room of Fairmont Lodge in Masonic Temple a beautiful service flag has been displayed. It contains fifteen stars representing the number of men in Uncle Sam's service, one of which is a gold star representing one of the men who died, he having been Arlington Fleming, who expired about two weeks ago, and was laid to rest with Masonic honors.

BRITISH REBUILD THE CITY OF KUT

Place Where Their Mesopotamian Army Sustained
Terrible Reverse.

KUT, Mesopotamia, Dec. 17.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—This city, the scene of the British Mesopotamian army's greatest reverse, after lying for many months a city of the dead, abandoned by even its native population, has gradually been rebuilt in the past six months, and is now a thriving town of nearly as great population as in days of peace. It was too important a center to be

neglected. It was a link between the Euphrates and Persia, and accordingly, after it had been deserted for more than two months, a British officer arrived here to take charge of the work of reconstructing it.

The first thing to do was to clean the place. The debris was dumped out of the houses into the streets; the accumulated filth was buried or burned, the barricades were pulled down, the dugouts and trenches were filled up. An imposing collanade bazaar was built along the river bank. A beginning was made with a coffee room and some retail shops for the builders, who for a long time were the sole population. Skilled masons natives who had been employed by the Germans in connection with the Baghdad Railway, were collected and set to work. They repaired the old streets and built new ones, repaired the mosques, the baths and the ice factory, put new engines into the flour mill, and converted the flats and shoals in the middle of the Tigris into vegetable gardens.

Though still partly in ruins, Kut today is a cleaner and better town than ever before in its history. Most of the people are back again behind their old doors. The bazaars are thronged, and the people are more prosperous than ever, for there is abundant labor for everybody in the neighborhood. Some of the prominent people of the town will never come back. Eight of them, including the Sheikh and his sons, were hanged by the Turks, and forty others were shot.

The house which General Townshend occupied during the siege has been repaired, but the roof and balcony are still pitted with shrapnel. Seven shell holes have been filled with plaster. The memory of the general and of his principal officers survives in the names of the new streets. There is Townshend Road, Dehnam Road, Mellis Road, and the names of brave regiments are recorded in Dorset Road, Norfolk Street, and Mahatma Row. Every association in the nomenclature of the Kut is reminiscent of the memory of its former defenders.

Especially the cemetery. The long-drawn agony of the garrison which fought and endured here so staunchly to the edge of starvation makes one of the most tragic stories in British history. Nearly 1,800 soldiers of the British army died of wounds and disease during the siege, and are buried together in a bare mud field covered by a mud wall, with a few starved palms in it, and useless desolation all around, but that is Mesopotamia. The Turks dug trenches all around the cemetery, but they respected the graves.

Volunteer parties of blue-jackets from passing gunboats have landed and trimmed these mounds of earth, which are as clean-cut and neat now as in an English churchyard. A brick wall is being built around the enclosure. The place is glassless, it is true, but the sombre aspect will disappear when water is brought to the land and the scrub palms are fertilized and cared for.

Three miles below Kut is the only enemy relic in the neighborhood, an ossilek put up by the Turks in commemoration of the fall of Kut. It is a kind of Cleopatra's Needle on a square plinth, all of kiln-dried brick plastered over. An old converted British "cow-gun" stands as a trophy on each side. One of the guns has tumbled forward and the plaster and brick are already crumbling. The monument was never unveiled and is still half-covered with a canvas sheeting, most of which, however, has been carried away by the wind.

Woman's Place to be Subject of Sermon

W. T. Brooks will speak tonight on "Woman's Place and Power" at the Central Christian church. The service is especially for ladies, but will be open to all. The High school orchestra will lead the music and will give some special numbers. The meeting promises to be one of great interest and a large audience is expected. The pressure has been so great upon Mr. Brooks to give another recital that he has arranged to give a new program on Monday night. The entertainment is being handled by the Ladies' Union.

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OCEANS OF THANKS FOR SMILAGE BOOKS

Chairman Gets a Batch of
Letters From National
Headquarters

Echoes of what Fairmont and Marion county have done in the smilage campaign are floating into the city and the chairman of the drive here has received a batch of fine letters thanking him and the city for its splendid showing.

Harold Braddock, director of the military entertainment service, writes the following: "America's outlook for the future has been heightened by the response of your citizens in this campaign. No great deed is ever attained without great effort. The military entertainment council congratulates Fairmont on the results you have thus far secured and looks forward to achievements which are sure to follow."

In another letter Mr. Braddock says: "This can be only a note to express some measure of the congratulations which the military entertainment council sends you on the patriotic response of Fairmont to our national's need."

A third letter from Mr. Braddock runs like this: "The patriotism and enthusiasm of Fairmont are inspiring the members of the military entertainment council and assuring us that if other cities follow your leadership the needs of our soldiers for wholesale entertainment will be answered."

C. P. Spees, cashier of the Military entertainment service, in a letter to the county chairman of the smilage drive writes the following: "By your practical demonstration of patriotism your city is proving to America and to the world that in times of public need Fairmont always does its part. The military entertainment council is inspired by the results you are securing in this smilage campaign."

The last letter the chairman receives on the good work is from C. P. Spees, cashier, and runs like this: "Cities like men, demonstrate their standing by their achievement. The results you are obtaining in this smilage campaign indicate the quality of Fairmont's patriotism and foretells the part your city is to take in the America of the future."

BITS OF STATE NEWS

The Cabell Military reserve, a home defense body, is planned and the proposition has the endorsement of the Huntington chamber of commerce. The city primary at Martinsburg will be held on March 11 and the election May 13. A mayor will be elected, also councilmen from five wards. The Buckhannon lodge Knights of Pythias will award jewels to two of its members who have belonged to the

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The Weston Independent will advance its subscription rate to \$1.50 a year, starting April 1 and argues that the dollar-a-year weekly will soon be a thing of the past.

J. C. Biller, of Hunter's Fork, in Barbour county, with two horses skidded a log weighing 2,800 pounds on bare ground. The log saved 1,210 feet of lumber.

Cleveland P. Jenkins, clerk at the Hotel Willard in Grafton, was taken ill while on a visit to Parkersburg and is in a hospital in the latter city, which is his former home.

T. P. Martin, who formerly resided at West Union but has lately been living in Clarksburg, is dead.

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Elks lodge will be celebrated by the Martinsburg lodge Saturday night.

The Reese broom factory in the Beaumont addition of Grafton was destroyed by fire, the result of an overheated stove. The fire department could not make much headway as the electric lights were off and the streets in bad condition where there was no paving.

Bert B. Reger has been elected traffic manager of the Horner-Gaylord company of Clarksburg. He was formerly in the B. & O. freight department at Parkersburg and lately has been connected with the freight department of the B. & O. at Grafton.

The West Virginia Lumber and Builders' Supply Dealers' Association will meet in convention at the Waldo hotel in Clarksburg Friday and Saturday. C. A. Short, of Shinnston, is president of the association.

W. R. Miller, of Martinsburg, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for stealing a horse, which he disposed of for a dollar.

PARKER RUN.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mathena have been sick near all winter but are better now. Mrs. Bell Rice and Mrs. Lovie Fisher have been sick also. Quite a number of children have the whooping cough and some have the chickenpox.

John Toothman, of Fairview, was calling on her daughter, Mrs. Wilf Fleming, on Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Straight spent Tuesday with friends at Rivesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood Straight and children spent Monday with the former's mother, Mrs. Harriett Straight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haran and Mrs. Jimmie Arnett were calling on Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Christie on Sunday evening.

Miss Zelma Morris spent Tuesday evening with Pauline Nay.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harris and children and Verner Jolliffe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harris.

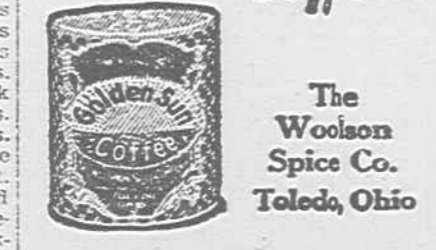
Wayne Toothman, of Fairview, spent Saturday with his brother, Hough Toothman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harris spent Thursday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harris, of Fairmont.

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Eruption of Irazu Recalls
Dire Prophecy of the
Naturalist Humboldt

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Jan. 17.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The Irazu volcano, the largest and highest in Costa Rica, awakened and began a new period of violent activity after nearly two centuries of quietness.

The previous remarkable eruption of this volcano took place in 1723 when Costa Rica was the poorest of the colonies under the Crown of Spain. During that year the Irazu was in activity throughout the whole year, emitting huge quantities of ashes, cinders, smoke, vapor and gasses, and the manifestation was followed by earthquakes. Then came a period of long rest. It fell into a deep slumber for nearly two hundred years.

Now it has awakened again and is pouring out, without interruption, torrents of vapor, sublimates and ashes, cinders and volcanic debris which, floating in the air and carried by the air currents, have reached places 25 miles distant from the crater.

At the foot of this volcano lies the historical city of Cartago, three times destroyed by the colossus and as often rebuilt by her inhabitants. During the present crisis Cartago has suffered no harm as her inhabitants, wiser through experience have rebuilt the city earthquake proof, and the emissions of the volcano have not reached Cartago, owing to the heavy winds prevailing and which have blown them towards the valley of San Jose. Thousands of persons have visited the summit of the mountain range to see the two oceans, and the gigantic column of smoke and gasses aiming to the sky.

The Irazu volcano stands 11,000 feet above the sea level and about two hundred miles north west of the Panama Canal. Back in the prehistoric ages, this volcano made formidable eruptions emitting torrents of lava, miles in length, of which there are traces to be seen yet. Perhaps nothing similar will now happen; but the Costa Rican people always bear in mind the prediction of Humboldt who foretold that the

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